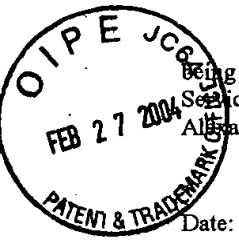


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

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Please replace FIG. 1 with the attached amended FIG. 1.

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